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Top Row—Left to Right:—Everett R. Meyer, Kathleen Proud, Verne Meyer, Ona Acton, Dwight Zachman, Helen Thatcher, Norman Murray, Valle Deglow.
Lower Row—Left to Right:—Paul Allen, Josephine Murray, John Kinzie, Hazel Patterson, Wayne Zeller, Dorothy Kurtz.

IN THE REALM OF THOUGHT.

Thirty-Sixth Annual Commencement of the Oregon High School ---14 Receive Diplomas.

"Commencement Day," what a world of pleasant memories, of bright hopes and brilliant prospects are called up by these words. True it is that those hopes have often been blasted, and the dazzling future pictured in the vivid fancy of youth has like apples of Sodom turned to ashes in after experience, but the rule is that when life has proven a failure the individual can easily turn back the leaves of that wrecked life and point to the cause of the failure in idleness, viciousness or crime, but not one solitary instance will be found where the man or woman whose life has failed of fruition can trace his failure to noble resolves and busy life marked out on graduation day.

The influences that these exercises have are almost unmeasurable. The student whose long, tireless efforts are recognized by the faculty and friends of the institution; fields filled with the new impulses for noble deeds and higher life. His fellow students witness his triumph; note the honored recognition that is granted to him, who continues to the end; resolve that they will not weary in well-doing; will with the approbation of their friends in like manner.

Our people have much in civic matters of which to be proud, but of all the valuable possessions of our beautiful little city, none is worthier of pride than the Oregon High School. No town of like population in all our state has a better school and in few is the work of this splendid institution showing such good results, as are constantly being produced here. Much of the credit for this pleasing and satisfactory state of affairs is due to the faithful and capable efforts of our splendid corps of teachers, headed by Prof. J. G. Ensor, and Principal, Miss Gertrude Bennett, supported by a loyal, earnest board of education, and many splendid young men and women are reaping the benefits of these teachers' devotion to the duties coming to them.

In compliance with its established custom for the past thirty six years, the closing exercises of the Oregon High School are made a public entertainment, continuing two, three and four days, and in which great interest is shown by all our people, and Professor Ensor and his excellent corps of assistants exert themselves on these occasions to present a series of programs, the superiority of which was rarely if ever before presented to our people.

The "Commencement" really began Sunday, May 16, by the delivery of the baccalaureate sermon at the Presbyterian church, by the Rev. Henry C. Rogers, of Linwood Boulevard Presbyterian church, of Kansas City, Mo. The address was a scholarly one and was for the special benefit of the class of '15, which is composed of the following young men and women:

Class of 1915.

Hazel Patterson,
Helen E. Thatcher,
Valle C. Deglow,
Wayne R. Zeller,
John M. Kinzie,
Norman F. Murray,
Josephine Murray,
Paul V. Allen,
Kathleen Proud,
Ona M. Acton,
Dwight Zachman,
Verne Meyer,
Dorothy M. Kurtz,
Everett R. Meyer.
Class colors: Pink and Green.
Motto: "Our Hopes of Today
Bring the Bells of the Future."

On Sunday, May 16, the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Harry C. Rogers, of the Linwood Presbyterian church, of Kansas City.

The sermon of Dr. Rogers was pronounced by all who heard it as one of the most fitting sermons ever delivered in Oregon. He discussed the possibilities and opportunities that are open to every young man and woman. He denied that everything worth while had been accomplished in the good old days of the past and declared that there was no room in the world for the pessimist. He enumerated the great achievements of men of the present day, and how they had been discouraged by the men whose only motto was, "It can't be done." If any one present had been harboring such notions, it would be hard to conceive how he could cling to them after hearing Dr. Rogers.

Every one always looks forward to the Sunday when the baccalaureate sermon is given, as they expect a musical treat. They were surely not disappointed this year. The delightful musical program was arranged by Mrs. Roy Kunkel, assisted by the singers of our town.

Tuesday evening, May 18, the pupils of the grades gave a charming entertainment at the Gem theatre. The program included literary and musical numbers, offering opportunity for exhibition of talent, which was shown in a marked degree by each participant. The program consisted of "Ye Little Olde Folks Concert," by grades 1, 2, 3 and 4; Playlet in one act, "A Goose and Some Geese," by grades 5 and 6; A Playlet in 2 acts, "The Joys of Country Life," by the pupils of 7th grade.

Wednesday, May 19, came the promotion exercises of the 8th grade, which were held at the M. E. church, and the following received their certificates of promotion to the High School, and will become Freshmen, when the old bell in the old High School will call them to new duties in September, 1915. The following is the roll of those promoted:

Roll of 8th-Grade Graduates, 1915.

Mary Estle Acton,
Ruth Allen,
Paul Watson Bragg,
Emie May Carroll,
Thursia Elma Fuller,
William Garth Hatch,
George Thomas Hinde,
Ethel Mae Kennedy,
George Reuben King,
Mildred Mettelle Klopp,
Pearl Kurtz,
Morgan Andrew Kreek,
Letha Jessie Lent,
Lloyd Franklin Markt,
George Henry Meyer,
Russel Walter Meyer,
Robert Henry Patterson,
Clara Lucille Peacher,
Florence Wilhelmina Schulte,
Harlan Orville Peret,
Lillian Katherine Schulte,
Edgar Thomas Pullen,
Helen Lucille Rostock,
Errett Wesley Simerly.

The certificates of promotion were presented by Prof. Ensor, in a most excellent address, in which he urged the students to finish their four-year High School course and do all in their power to attain the highest possible grades.

Handsome commencement cards an-

nounced the graduation exercises of the class of 1915 would be held at the M. E. church, Thursday evening, May 20.

The church was a bower of beauty, decorations tasty, and arrangements perfect in detail. The auditorium was filled to its capacity with our people, who came to bear the testimony of their hearty support of the Oregon school management, and to lend encouragement to the graduates as they step out into the great unknown sea of life.

The music throughout the program was furnished by the Oregon Symphony club, and was of that usual high class that has ever characterized our local musical organization.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, of St. Joseph, delivered the address, his subject being, "Is Universal Peace a Dream?" His address to the class and audience was an intellectual feast, and he commanded the closest attention of his hearers. Rabbi Bernstein said in part:

The Rabbi's subject was "Universal Peace an Impossible Dream," and spoke of the meeting of the nations of the world, at the Hague, the purpose of which was the looking to the universal peace, and how promising the outlook, when suddenly the great war came forth, and no one could hardly believe that so soon a war, the mightiest the world has ever known, should be on; and hopes came that America should be the mediator. But all hopes have been broken; all bonds of sympathy were lost, and cited the sinking of the Titanic; how readily and keenly did aid come to the sufferers of that ill-fated ship, while how cheerless was the sympathy extended by reason of the sinking of the Lusitania—even in some parts of Europe it was greeted with joyousness and gaiety, and the occasion made a holiday.

The present war in his opinion was a senseless one, and was the result of commercial greed. That the present war seemed to impress us with the thought that our present civilization was only a veneering.

He believed the hope of our nation lay in the womanhood; of universal suffrage, of the great work being done by our women in all the great avenues, that will in time bring about the ends hoped for, and cited such as the great beneficent work being done by Jane Addams and others of her class, that women in time will refuse to give their offspring as food to the cannon. Of what account is our civilization, when it is measured with the desolation of our present war? The hope for universal peace was a natural hope of the race, but the men had made a bad job of it, and while the men would ask what do women know about war, replied that they know all about it, for they were ever the greatest sufferers, and he believed the hope of peace was the giving of greater power to woman. Universal peace had been the hope of the world since the days of the great Rabbi, Jesus Christ.

Opportunity for the young people to spread the divine truths and the doctrine of human brotherhood. Man today only prays to God for a selfish purpose; when these truths become thoroughly implanted in our hearts, poverty, disease and war would disappear.

He believed in the divine power; that its force and influence was at work and that with His help, Universal Peace was not an unreasonable dream.

Friday evening, May 21, the

OUR NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Plans and Specifications Are Now Submitted for its Erection.

PROPOSED NEW HIGH SCHOOL
OREGON, MO.



At the April school election, it will be remembered that the voters of the Oregon School District decided to have a new High school building, and voted by an almost unanimous vote to bond the district for \$25,000 for this purpose.

Since then our school board has been busy taking the initial steps, and they secured the services of W. F. Schrage, of Kansas City, Mo., as the architect, who has submitted the plans and specifications, which have been accepted by the board, and it has advertised to receive bids on June 3rd, when it is likely the contract will be let, and the work will begin as soon as practical, in the hopes that the building may be ready for occupancy in October.

The building will be of brick, with stone coping, 60x75 feet, three stories, including the basement, which will have a 19 foot ceiling. In this will be the gymnasium, 30x90 feet, with a seating capacity for 300. It will also have rooms for manual training, bath, etc.

The first floor above this will have four recitation rooms, superintendent's office, hospital room, laboratory, etc.

The second floor will be occupied by an auditorium, with 32x14 foot stage and gallery; its seating capacity will be about 600, seated with opera chairs; main aisles 12 feet and side aisles 4 feet. It will also have its library, dressing rooms, study hall. Each and every floor will have all the necessary accommodations for the comfort of teacher and pupils.

The heating plant will be located in the present building.

The people of this district was fortunate in having so substantial a building as the present one, which will be used for the grades exclusively; it is modernly equipped with lights, heat and laboratory, and by continuing the use of this building, it means a saving to the tax payers of some \$35,000, for we do not believe it could be replaced for any sum less than this.

Senior class of the High School gave a most pleasing dramatic entertainment at the Gem Theatre, entitled, "Aaron Rogers From Splinterville," a 3-act comedy. The cast of characters was in the hands of Paul Allen, Wayne Zeller, John Kinzie, Dwight Zachman, Everett Meyer, Norman Murray, and Misses Dorothy Kurtz, Josephine Murray, Valle Deglow, Hazel Patterson, Kathleen Proud, and Ona Acton. The characters were well supported and much dramatic talent was shown by the young participants. It was a success in every particular. The training was in charge of Mrs. Susie Fitzmaurice, and the work done by the young actors, spoke in a high degree of Mrs. F.'s ability as a trainer in this class of work. The play was repeated again Saturday night to a good audience.

After 50 Years.

On Friday of last week our County Court was in session to receive, open, examine and award the contracts to the successful bidders for the various bridges and concrete culverts, advertised by County Surveyor Peret, to be "let" on that day. Presiding Judge, W. M. Blackford, of Nodaway county, was also here and met with our judges, D. C. Stallard, our presiding judge, after he had received an introduction to Judge Blackford, thought the name very familiar, and after comparing notes they both discovered that more than 50 years ago, they were boys together, and had attended the same school, played "hokey," marbles, "Bull Pen" and many other pranks in Braddyville, Iowa, and this was their first meeting in over a half century. They certainly did enjoy themselves talking over their boyhood days.

Her 80th Birthday.

Thursday of last week, May 20, 1915 Mrs. John Seyfer, of this city, reached the good old age of four-score years, and in honor of this occasion her son, Henry, of near Nebraska City, Neb., drove down in his car, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Gladys, daughters-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Seyfer, and little daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Earl Seyfer and little daughter, Roberta. A delightful time was had by all present, and after a few days' visit with Father and Mother Seyfer, all returned to their homes.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

Memorial Sunday Observed By Meyer Post, G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans.

Memorial Sunday dedicated and observed by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans to the memory of the fallen heroes of the Civil War, was appropriately observed by the members of Meyer Post, G. A. R., under command of G. W. Cummins, Commander, and Oregon Camp, Sons of Veterans, Frank Petree, Commander.

The members of these organizations assembled at the Court Yard park, and proceeded in a body to the First M. E. church, to listen to the sermon delivered by Rev. J. W. Anderson, pastor, who had been selected by these organizations.

The services were held during the regular morning hour, and a special musical program was given by the M. E. church choir, consisting of Mrs. B. G. Pierce, pianist; Dr. Whitmer and wife; Mrs. Geo. Gelvin, Mrs. Clara Castle, Mrs. Riley Hulatt, Misses Edna, Florence and Mabel Lukens; J. A. Kreek, Dr. W. C. Proud, W. P. and George Schulte, Rev. J. W. Anderson.

The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and every feature of the program was impressive, and beneficial.

The sermon, delivered by Rev. Anderson, was in full harmony with the occasion, that had called these old veterans and sons together and the spirit and thoughtfulness of that patriotism, that help to make us better citizens, and more mindful of the benefits that come to us through the mercy of the Divine Master. Rev. Anderson said in part:

"And the Lord commanded the angel, and he put up his sword again into the sheath, thereof." 1 Chron. 21:27. Lesson 1, Chron. 21, 1-13; Rev. 12, 1-11.

At the suggestion of Satan, David had Israel numbered.

God was displeased. David repented, and was given choice of 3 years of famine, 3 months of defeat in battle or 3 days of pestilence. He chose to fall into the hand of the Lord.

He saw the angel of the Lord with drawn sword, and offered sacrifice and the Lord said sheathe the sword.

The discovery of America stands in a class to itself. Nothing like it be-

fore nor since. An entire hemisphere, 10,000 miles long, containing 17,000,000 square mile with soil as fertile as the Valley of the Nile, and with scenery as diversified and beautiful as can be found in all the world.

Was the discovery accidental or providential? Let conditions answer. For 700 years Roman Catholicism had dominated the world. For 300 years the Inquisition has had full sway in Italy, Spain and largely in France and Germany. Heresy was punished by death or life-long imprisonment. Soon the sale of indulgences, in order to raise money to complete St. Peter's at Rome, was to begin.

The Church of England was not much less tolerant of heresy, and heresy is to disbelieve what you believe.

Religious intolerance was soon to reach its climax. The dawn of the reformation was near at hand. This was to be the signal for fresh outbreaks of persecution. These strangely persecuted ones were going to need and seek an asylum of religious liberty.

Surroundings were favorable. Columbus came upon the scene when the very atmosphere was surcharged with the spirit of adventure and discovery and in the place where there was the greatest excitement. He was reared on the shores of the Mediterranean sea and early became a sailor.

There might have been the environment and opportunity without the man, or the man without the opportunity, but God sees to it that the prepared man meets the conditions when they occur. Witness the case of Moses and the children of Israel, Washington and the Revolution, Lincoln and Grant and the Civil War and McKinley and the Spanish-American War. Either of them born 50 years earlier or later might never be known to history. Events may control men, but God controls events. God evidently meant these United States to be the asylum for civil and religious liberty as well as the center of religious influence.

With this in view God gave this land its wonderful resources and climate. We are only on the outer rim of our possibilities in all directions. We are just beginning to learn how to make one acre produce as much as three to five a few years ago. The boys and girls in their clubs are teaching us some admirable things along

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